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Mr. Albert Anidi
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RE: Old Road Over Castaic Creek Project
Vic. LA-05 PM R56.27
SCH # 2021010194
GTS # LA-2021-03481AL-MND

Dear Mr. Anidi:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The project would involve seismic retrofits to The Old Road Bridge over Castaic Creek, which is located in the unincorporated community of Val Verde in Los Angeles County. The proposed seismic retrofitting of the existing bridge would bring the bridge into conformance with current seismic standards. Construction of the retrofits is expected to occur in 2024 and would take approximately 24 weeks. Construction would require some excavations within the creek bottom underneath the bridge; however, any disturbance areas within the creek would be returned to preconstruction conditions upon completion of construction. Temporary staging areas would be established to the north and south of the existing bridge. Once project construction has been completed, the bridge would be maintained and used in a manner consistent with existing conditions. No expansion in lane capacity would occur, and no substantial changes to the layout of connecting roadways would occur.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has been codified into CEQA law. It mandates that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed developments be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts. As a reminder, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after the July 1, 2020 statewide implementation date. You may reference The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) website for more information.

<http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/>

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For this project, transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials, which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways, will require a transportation permit from Caltrans. It is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods and idle time not to exceed 10 minutes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2021-03481AL-MND.

Sincerely,



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